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PATENT APPLICATION

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Re App : Hewlett Healthcare Date: May 31, 2002
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RESPONSE

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 6, 2002 in the above-identified application.

Applicant herewith elects, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-7. Applicant traverses on the grounds that independent Claims 1, 8, and 12 recite an oral drug delivery composition comprising a chromone. Accordingly, Applicant asserts that all of the claims can and should be



examined together, and that the Examiner will necessarily search for and evaluate the subject matter of Claims 8-29 in conducting the examination of Claims 1-7.

Respectfully submitted,

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